the sincere condolences of the Assembly to the members of the bereaved family.

MR. HANUMANTHA RAJU, who associated himself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speaker, said that Mr. K. H. Ramayya had done good to many and if he had been spared for the full span of life, his help would have reached several others. He thought that it would be appropriate to perpetuate the memory of such a popular officer in some tangible way.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*Concluded*).

MESSRS. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY and ALDUR RAMAPPA GOWDA (Chikmagalur Taluk).—

Q.—33. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When did the Sheristedari vacancy in the Chikmagalur Taluk Office occur?

(*b*) (1) How many applicants were there for the said post?

(2) Who are they?

(3) To what communities do they belong?

(4) What are the examinations they have passed? Have any of them been exempted from passing the tests required?

(5) What are the posts they are respectively holding and the salaries they are getting?

(*c*) Are there any Probationary or First Grade Revenue Inspectors among them? If so, who are they? To what communities do they belong?

(*d*) Who is the present Taluk Sheristedar? What was his previous salary and what is the salary he is now getting?

(*e*) Who is the appointing authority?

(*f*) Are there any instances of Probationary Inspectors having passed the required tests after being appointed as Taluk Sheristedars?

(*g*) Will the Government be pleased to place before this House the Government Order, if any directing that Probationary Revenue Inspectors should be given preference as far as possible whenever Taluk Sheristedari vacancies occur?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—33. (*a*) 10th June 1933.
(*b*) Six.

Name	Community	Qualification	Designation and pay
1. Mr. S. Shankariah	Brahmin ...	Revenue Lower, Accounts Lower.	Peshkar, Kalasa Temple on Rs. 60.
2. „ T. Venkatachar	Do ...	B.Sc. Part I, Clerkship, Revenue, Accounts and Criminal. (All Hr.)	Permanent Clerk, Tumkur District, and *acting* Head Clerk, Special I Class Magistrate's Court, Chikmagalur, on Rs. 55.
3. „ G. Rangiengar	Do ...	Matric, Revenue Lower and Sheikdari Training.	Revenue Inspector, I Grade on Rs. 50.
4. „ R. Gangoji Rao	Mahratta ...	B. A. Course, Revenue, Accounts, Criminal (Hr.) and Registration.	Revenue Inspector, I Grade on Rs. 50.
5. K. Seshadri Iyengar	Brahmin ...	Completed B.A. Course, Revenue, Criminal and Accounts (all Hr.) and Registration.	Revenue Inspector, II Grade on Rs. 40.
6. Mr. S. Ramanuja Iyengar	Do ...	Revenue and Accounts Lower	Head Clerk, Mudigere Taluk Office on Rs. 50 in Grade Rs. 40-2-50.

N.B.—None of them has been exempted from passing the tests required for the Sheristedar's post.

(*c*) Yes, there are two.

(1) Mr. R. Gangoji Rao (Mahratta).

(2) ,, G. Rangiengar (Brahmin).

(*d*) Mr. K. Seshadri Iyengar. His previous salary as Second Grade Revenue Inspector was Rs. 40. His present salary is Rs. 40 *plus* acting allowance Rs. 12.

(*e*) The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District.

(*f*) There are no instances in the Kadur District.

(*g*) *Vide* para 5 of Government Order No. R. 5457-517—L. R. 291-22-26, dated 21st—26th January 1928, noted below:—

"The officials who were recruited as Probationary Sheikdars may on confirmation be given Rs. 50 per mensem in the I Grade and they may be shown preference in filling up the posts of Taluk Sheristedars, in cases where they are found to be deserving of such advancement."

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Was it a general vacancy or special vacancy?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

It was a promotion vacancy and not one for direct recruitment.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Of the six applicants for the post, there was only one Non-Brahmin, Mr. R. Gangoji Rao. Why was it not given to him?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

He had not passed the Criminal Higher Examination which was a necessary qualification for the place.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Had he passed the other tests?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Yes.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Had he not passed the Criminal Higher also in part?

First Member of Council.--

No, there is no compartmental system in that subject.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Subject to his passing, could he not have been appointed?

First Member of Council.—

That is a different matter.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

He is the seniormost Revenue Inspector. Is there no Government Order to the effect that in filling up vacancies of Taluk Sheristedars, Probationary Revenue Inspectors should be given preference?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Yes, provided they have qualified themselves for them. In this instance, since he had not passed the Criminal Higher Examination, he was not given the place.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

He had already appeared for the examination and at the time of the appointment, he was awaiting the result. Could he not have been appointed in anticipation of passing it?

First Member of Council.—

How do you expect the Deputy Commissioner to await the result and make the appointment in the meantime?

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Is he not a member of a minority community; and if so, should he not have been shown the concession?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

As he was not qualified, that question did not arise.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

The other candidate was only a Second Grade Sheikdar drawing Rs. 40. If, as a matter of communal favouritism, the Deputy Commissioner has appointed that man, is it justifiable?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.--

Apparently, the other candidate was fully qualified. If there are no First Grade Sheikdars fully qualified, it must go to the next man, I suppose.

First Member of Council.—

I don't think we can discuss the merits of an individual appointment on the floor of this House. But so far as the particular official you are thinking of is concerned, he was not qualified. So we cannot criticise the Deputy Commissioner's action.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Seeing that he is the seniormost non-Brahmin Probationary Revenue Inspector and he has since passed the examination, will Government reconsider his claim?

First Member of Council.—

It is not a matter for the Government to consider. This is an appointment within the competence of the Deputy Commissioner. There are rules on the subject and the appointment made is quite in accordance with them.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.--

What is the object of appointing Probationary Revenue Inspectors?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

To appoint them as Taluk Sheristedars but not before they improve their qualifications.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

When the question was sent up, had he not passed the examination?

First Member of Council.—

He passed the examination after the vacancy was filled up. That is the fact. The appointment was made on 10th June 1933. At that time, this gentleman had sent up his application for the examination and probably had sat for it also. But the results were announced only in July. So at the time of the appointment he had not passed the Criminal Higher Examination.